



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN**

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Monday, September 9, 2013

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-4290)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Call to Order. (13-4020)

Treasurer Charlotte Lesser called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and noted the lack of a quorum.

Self-introductions were made by those in attendance.

Commissioners Alice Petrossian, Dora de la Rosa and Olivia G. Rodriguez joined the meeting at 10:14 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 10:22 a.m. respectively establishing a quorum.

Present: Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,, Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Excused: President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin and Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of August 12, 2013. (13-4032)**

On motion of Commissioner Reiko Duba, seconded by Commissioner Alice Petrossian, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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2. Approval of Retreat Minutes for the meeting of August 12, 2013. (13-4067)

On motion of Commissioner Gerda Govine, Ed.D., seconded by Commissioner Reiko Duba, unanimously carried, this item was approved

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3. Discussion and approval of Application for Donation to the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council in support of the "Recognition of Excellence & Betty Fisher Award" event to be held, October 15, 2013 to recognize two women for their outstanding work in the field of domestic violence awareness and intervention in an amount not to exceed \$575. (13-4176)

Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez gave an overview of the October 15, 2013 "Recognition of Excellence & Betty Fisher Award" event. She stated that the event usually honors three women for their outstanding work in domestic violence awareness and intervention. She concluded by saying the Los Angeles County Commission for Women's logo will be included on the event's flyers and that the event is free of charge.

Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez responded to questions posed by the Commission.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Reiko Duba, seconded by Commissioner Gerda Govine, Ed.D., unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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III. REPORTS

4. President's Report for September 2013. (13-4034)

Treasurer Charlotte Lesser acknowledged the attached President's Report and urged Commissioners to read it at their leisure.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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5. Report on the Ad-Hoc and Standing Committees meetings as submitted by Committee members:

- Executive Committee
- Luncheon Committee
- Public Relations/Social Media (13-4058)

Executive Committee

Treasurer Charlotte Lesser reported that the Executive Committee met and reviewed the Application for Donation for Domestic Violence Council and referred to Trust Fund Criteria.

Luncheon Committee

Emma De Jesus, staff, Commission Services, reported that the Committee held a teleconference meeting on August 26, 2013. During thier meeting, the Committee reaffirmed the name of the awards luncheon as the "2014 Women of the Year Awards and Scholarship Luncheon". The Committee also approved the \$27,500 allocation budget for the luncheon. Chair Shevlin will be working with staff to revise the letter to the Supervisors and the Sponsorship letter.

Public Relations/Social Media

Commissioner Gerda Govine, Ed.D., reported that the Committee is still discussing the proposed Commission logo; County Counsel is vetting the process and the Commission as a whole will have an opportunity to vote on the logo within the next two months.

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6. Staff report as submitted by Emma De Jesus. (13-4059)

Emma De Jesus, Commission Services staff, announced the following events:

- a) The Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA.;**

- b) The California Working Family Coalition forwarded information to the Commission regarding the passage of Senate Bill 770 - which expands the definition of Family to include grandparents, grandchildren, siblings and parents-in-law as it pertains to the California Paid Family Leave Law; and**
- c) Mount St. Mary's College is hosting "Search for a Legislative Representative" event to identify progressive women to run for an open seat on the California Legislature in 2014 and 2016, at the Donahue Center in Los Angeles on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Commissioner Reiko Duba commented on the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women regarding their open invitation to attend their meetings, and the possibility of collaborating with them.

Treasurer Charlotte Lesser stated it's encouraging to see a real collaborative effort by the California Commissions for Women on behalf of women.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- 7. Presentation by Lindsey Sin, Deputy Secretary for the California Department of Veterans Affairs, on the State's Commission on the Status of Women & Girls and a history of service by women in the United States Military. (13-2914)**

Lindsey Sin, Deputy Secretary for the California Department of Veterans Affairs provided a PowerPoint presentation on the State of California's Commission on the Status of Women and Girls and a history of service by women in the United States Military. Ms. Sin invited Commissioners to attend their 2013 Women Veterans Leadership Conference to be held during September 25-27, 2013 at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley, in San Diego, CA.

Commissioner Alice Petrossian thanked Ms. Sin for her thoughtful and informative presentation, and invited her to the 2014 Women of the Year Awards and Scholarship Luncheon to share a table with information and invite a woman veteran to speak at the Scholarship Orientation.

Commissioner Gerda Govine, Ed.D. made a suggestion to include CalVets on the Commission for Women website, as a source of outreach or a link within the Commission for Women's website to the California Department of Veterans; giving more exposure to information from the State. Staff was instructed to check with Resource Management for authorization; and if approved provide the link.

Commissioners Duba, Govine and Petrossian also suggested a possible award nomination for the luncheon and speaker for at the next Scholarship Orientation from a Veteran. Ms. Sin will be in contact with the Commission and staff regarding the link and aforementioned possibilities.

Ms. Lindsey Sin responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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- 8. Presentation on mental health services being provided by REACH for Mental Health Awareness, to the chronically ill and their families, by Ronda Hampton, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist and co-founder of REACH for Mental Health Awareness non-profit organization. (13-4062)**

Ronda Hampton, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist and co-founder of REACH for Mental Health Awareness, provided an overview of the services and programs offered by REACH to the chronically mentally ill and their families. Dr. Hampton reported that since she last appeared before the Commission, her organization has expanded its services to include partnering with law enforcement agencies in searching for missing adults and children

Dr. Hampton provided statistical data regarding the number of missing persons and how they are categorized. She stated that women and girls make up approximately half the missing population; she also stated some children are classified as run-aways while others due to their age are classified as not missing. She cautioned that there need to be a change in this approach because it does not take in account a history of mental illness or the fact that the missing person is experiencing their first mental breakdown.

Dr. Hampton thanked the Commission for empowering and inspiring her to sojourn on in helping the mentally ill and their families. She announced that REACH will host a "March for the Missing" event on April 26, 2014 and invited the Commission to participate.

Treasurer Charlotte Lesser and Commissioners Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Gerda Govine and Reiko Duba commented on this item.

Dr. Hampton responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objections, this item was received and filed.

V. DISCUSSIONS

- 9.** Discussion by President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. of initiatives introduced at the National Association of Commissions for Women Annual Conference and Business meeting in San Jose, California. (Continued from the meeting of August 12, 2013) (13-3190)

By common consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the meeting of October 28, 2013

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- 10.** Discussion and consideration of opportunities for the Los Angeles County Commission for Women to collaborate with other Los Angeles County Commissions and the information being presented by those Commission. (Continued from the meeting of August 12, 2013) (13-3726)

Treasurer Charlotte Lesser opened the discussion for the Commission to collaborate with other Los Angeles County Commissions and the information being presented by those Commission. The following agencies are Domestic Violence Council on sexual assaults, Veterans community meeting, REACH, Office of Women's Health, LA County Department of Public Works on education and aging population.

After discussion, there were no actions taken by the Commission.

11. Discussion on the consideration of providing all Commissioners opportunities to attend conferences consistent with the Commission's mission and strategic plan. (Continued from the meeting of August 12, 2013) (13-3782)

Treasurer Charlotte Lesser shared conferences opportunities and asked Commissioners to express their interest in attending.

After discussion, no action was taken by the Commission.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

12. Commissioners' Announcements for September 2013. (13-4060)

No announcements were given by Commissioners.

Matters Not Posted

13. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-3852)

No matters were presented.

Public Comment

14. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-4033)

Diana Zuniga, Statewide Organizer of Californians United for a Responsible Budget (CURB), addressed the Commission regarding CURB; she stated that it's a statewide coalition organized to monitor the jails and prisons in California. She also informed the Commission that she was recently accepted in Women's Policy Institute and urged the Commission to submit ideas regarding policy for her to present to the members of the Women's Policy Institute.

Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt stated that she would like to have Ms. Zuniga and Los Angeles County Sheriff Leroy Baca make presentations at the same Commission meeting, in order to have dialog regarding the prison system and the education based incarceration programs with the jail system.

Treasurer Charlotte Lesser and Commissioners Alice Petrossian, Gerda Govine, Ed.D. and Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt commented on this item.

Treasurer Charlotte Lesser thanked Ms. Zuniga for her informative presentation.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

Adjournment

- 15. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, September 9, 2013. (13-4101)**

On motion of Commissioner Reiko Duba, seconded by Commissioner Gerda Govine, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.